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# 231 years and Army still rolling along

On June 16, our installation and our community will come together at the Radisson Hotel in Davenport for the annual Army Birthday Ball. I invite all of you to join me at this celebration of the Army's 231st birthday.

We hold events like the Army Birthday Ball because the U.S. Army is justifiably proud of its history and traditions, and takes them very seriously. For visual proof, you need look no further than the Army flag, which is adorned with long ribbons known as campaign streamers.

Each campaign streamer that hangs from the flag denotes the Army's involvement in a particular battle or conflict. Last month, the Department of the Army announced that it would begin awarding three new campaign streamers to eligible units. The streamers will be awarded for service in Afghanistan; in Iraq; and in other regions where units have been deployed during the Global War on Terrorism.

With the three additions, the Army flag will have 178 campaign streamers. Chronologically, they range from the first campaign streamer – embroidered with "LEXINGTON 1775" – to the most recent – embroidered with "IRAQ."

Seen together, the campaign streamers trace the history of the United States Army – from a village green in a small Massachusetts town, where the first shots of the Revolutionary War were fired, to a distant land on the other side of the globe, where today's Soldiers are fighting to defeat the forces of terror and advance the cause of freedom.

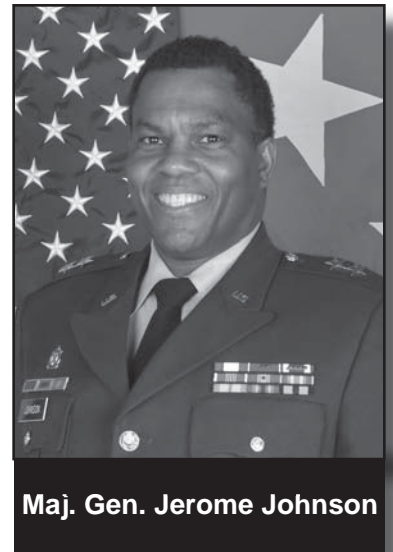
Seen separately, each campaign streamer tells the story of an event that helped define what our Army is today, and what America has become as a nation. There are streamers that commemorate famous Civil War battles – "GETTYSBURG 1863" – and streamers added for the largely forgotten Philippine campaign – "MANILA 1899." There are streamers marking the Army's involvement in Korea, Kuwait and Kosovo, in Grenada and Panama, in Mexico and Vietnam.

The streamers represent the Army's lineage, and symbolize the links between our past and our present. They are visual depictions of the rich traditions that bind today's Soldiers to yesterday's veterans, and of the timeless values that have sustained our Army through good times and bad.

There is an unbroken line that runs from Lexington to Iraq, a line of brave Americans who stepped forward and willingly answered their nation's call. The same courage under fire shown by a small group of Massachusetts patriots who faced down a superior British force can be found today among young Soldiers who patrol the dangerous streets of Baghdad. We will find it again in the next generation, and every generation after that, until we come to the day when all the world knows peace and freedom, and when the final streamer can be placed on the Army flag.

As we celebrate the Army Birthday, let us honor all who have served in uniform, and who earned those streamers through selfless service, personal sacrifice, and unflinching devotion to duty.

All of us should be proud to serve in an organization that has successfully defended our nation for 231 years, and that is stronger and better today than it has ever been. So please join me in wishing a hearty "Happy Birthday" to the United States Army! Long may the Army flag wave, and long may we remember the tales of valor and honor told by its streamers.



Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson

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## AFAP: Delegates discuss concerns of Arsenal workforce and residents

(Army Community Services) The Rock Island Arsenal Army Family Action Plan Conference was held April 18. Delegates representing a cross-section of the Arsenal population met to discuss and prioritize issues submitted from a community survey. Thirteen delegates were divided into three work groups and discussed 53 current local issues. Issues identified as beyond the scope of the Garrison Manager and requiring a higher level of priority have been sent forward through the major subordinate command to Army Materiel Command. The local delegates selected six issues to be elevated to the AMC MACOM AFAP Conference this month:

- Lack of Tricare Vision Services in the Quad cities Area
- Cover "Refraction" Portion of Optometric Exams
- Smoking on all Army Installations
- Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expense (TQSE)
- Create an AER Infant Duffle Bag Program
- Dependents of Civilian Employees Dropped from FEHB on their 22<sup>nd</sup> Birthday

Issues elevated from numerous installations at this mid-level conference

will be discussed and prioritized.

Delegates then vote on issues to be elevated to the Department of Army AFAP Conference scheduled for November. The disposition of each issue sent to AMC will be announced later this summer.

AFAP is a year-round program. Visit the RIA website to follow up on an AFAP issue or to submit a community quality of life issue. Go to the Services block and select RIA MWR Services>Army Community Service > AFAP.

For more information about AFAP, call (309)782-0831 or e-mail ottmanl@ria.army.mil.

# Heritage events teach good lessons

Not long ago, I talked to you about diversity and how important it is to respect other cultures and heritages. Now that the year is halfway over, I started to think about all of the heritage celebrations we've had on the Arsenal this year. We started with African American History Month, then National Women's History Month and most recently we observed Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

I had the privilege of giving opening and closing remarks at the Asian Pacific Heritage ceremony and it was an enlightening program. We learned interesting things not only about the heritage, but about the guest speakers. Those who weren't in attendance missed out on a great program.

I understand that everyone on the Arsenal is not always able to attend the cultural heritage workshops, but there are also other events in the local areas during these observance months and throughout the year.

In 2002, approximately 56 percent of the American adult population said they included at least one historic, humanity or heritage activity or event while traveling. If the majority of American adults do this when traveling, why can't we attend at least one event when we are at home? Learning about and observing other heritages shouldn't be left for only vacation time.

Cultural heritage is simply expressing the ways of life, including customs, practices, values and artistic expressions, developed by communities and passed through generations. Because of this, we have a wealth of knowledge about our family and country's forefathers, and communities. Suppose no one ever

passed down the knowledge about the beginning of the Arsenal. Would we be the great installation we are today without the knowledge of our past? Why do you think more than 26,000 people visited Rock Island Arsenal Museum last year? To learn. Regardless of the event or venue, people want to learn.

So, I encourage you to attend at least one cultural heritage event this year, on or off Arsenal Island. Once you attend an event you will leave enlightened, inspired and educated. I always do.



**Alan G. Wilson**

**Do you know?** Rock Island Arsenal Museum is the second oldest U.S. Army Museum. Which Army museum is the oldest?

Read the July issue of *The ROCK* for the answer.

## Juneteenth Celebration

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

June 19

Baylor Conference Room

Guest speaker is Shellie Moore-Guy

**Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. For more information, call (309) 782-6283/4304.**

## Island of Hope

The Rock Island Arsenal Island of Hope cancer support group meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday, 11 a.m. - noon in the Arsenal Room in Building 60.

All employees, active duty military and family members who are affected by cancer are invited to join the group.

It is an informal gathering where they share the lunch hour and provide support and comfort to one another. It's open to all those who have been diagnosed with cancer and all those who care about those with cancer. Bring your lunch and join the group.

For more information call (309) 782-3049 or e-mail demeyerd@ria.army.mil.

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# Personnel records to be managed by employees

by **Lindsay Allen**  
Rock Island CPAC

The Department of Army is in the midst of deploying an expansion of the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System by launching the Human Resource Self Service called "My Biz." My Biz provides employees with the ability to access and view their personnel information 24 hours a day, seven days a week from a computer.

The My Biz application will permit employees to update certain personal information like race and national origin, handicap code, e-mail address, phone numbers, and foreign language proficiency. Employees will also be able to view information related to their individual civilian employment, such as, current and historical position information, salary information, appraisals, awards, benefits, and appointment information. In addition, Army's future plan is to allow employees the opportunity to provide input on performance to their supervisors through the My Biz application.

The deployment of the My Biz application is being accelerated, and the Army's goal is to have a My Biz account for 100 percent of their employees by the end of June. Each Army employee will receive an individual e-mail message, through their AKO account, which announces the program, provides a link to the My Biz marketing material, and includes directions for accessing and logging into the application. The My Biz application is being implemented on an organizational basis, therefore, the e-mail will be sent out to employees on or around the date of the My

Biz deployment for their organization. In order to receive this important e-mail message, each employee should make sure that their AKO account is current and all forwarding e-mail addresses are accurate.

Once an employee receives notice of deployment for their organization and logs into the My Biz application, the employee will see the following link options:

**My Biz:** links users to the Oracle logon screen to access their personnel information. Please note that those employees who already have a DCPDS account will logon with their current login and password. Those employees who do not have a DCPDS account must follow the instructions provided in the link.

**My Biz Helpdesk:** links users to the Helpdesk to create either a correction ticket to report data inaccurately displaying in My Biz or to create a Request for My Biz password reset. Users should not use the My Biz ticket system to report issues that do not relate to the My Biz application.

**My Biz Field Descriptions:** links users to a listing of My Biz fields and descriptions of the data displaying in those fields.

**My Biz User Guidance:** links users to a detailed user guide. Users should refer to this guide before contacting the personnel office with questions.

**View Status of your Helpdesk Tickets:** links users to a listing of tickets created by the user.

The My Biz application is an exciting new automated tool, and the CPAC office would like to encourage all employees to access the My Biz application upon deployment to review their personnel information.

*(Editor's Note: Lindsay Allen is a human resource specialist in the Rock Island Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.)*

## New DoD personnel system implemented

*(CHRA North Central Region)* Approximately 300 North Central Region Civilian Human Resource Agency employees located at the Rock Island Arsenal transitioned to the National Security Personnel System on April 30. NSPS is the new Department of Defense human resources system for DoD civilian employees.

Rock Island Arsenal civilian employees assigned to the Civilian Human Resources Agency in the North Central Regional Director's Office, the Rock Island Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and Civilian Personnel Operations Center are part of Spiral 1.1, the first phase to implement to the NSPS. Spiral 1.1 transitions more than 11,000 DoD employees, which includes more than 2,300 Army civilians assigned to CHRA in the United States. These civilians are leading the Army's transition to the new performance-based system. Training for NSPS is a critical part of preparing for the transition to the new performance-based system.



CHRA services 287,000 Army civilians around the world, providing critical civilian human resources support and expertise to Army commanders, managers and employees. The regional civilian personnel operations centers and CPAC's provide hands-on human resources support where Army civilians serve.

The North Central Region has approximately 400 CHRA NSPS Spiral 1.1 employees, working in 10 CPAC's located throughout the United States and Puerto Rico and servicing 34 commands with a population of 38,000 appropriated fund and 3,200 non appropriated fund employees. Almost 1,300 employees are located in 30 different countries.

In addition to local CPAC Human Resource Representatives, there is information about NSPS on the following websites: <http://www.cpmis.osd.mil/nsps/>; [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil/); <http://www.cpmis.osd.mil/nsps/nsps101/nsps/index.htm>.

**REMINDER: The deadline to submit articles for the August issue of The ROCK is July 7. You may e-mail submissions to [ria-pa@ria.army.mil](mailto:ria-pa@ria.army.mil).**



# Where's Mommy and Daddy?

by **Valerie Buckingham**

The ROCK Editor

Mommy? . . . Daddy? . . . Mommyyyy!!!!

Those familiar cries are heard everyday across the nation. Cries of children left home alone without any adult supervision.

One in four children, ages 5 to 12 spend time alone after school, according to a study conducted by the University of Michigan. Many children are also injured while home alone.

A home alone policy was established on Rock Island Arsenal five years ago and is updated annually and given to residents. The U.S. Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal wants to emphasize the need for parents to arrange for supervision and care of children and youth when an adult can't be at home. The home alone policy applies to all service members, spouses, children and guests residing on the Arsenal. Service

members residing off post will adhere to local state laws.

Laws regarding children being left alone vary widely from state-to-state and Nancy Reeves, chief of Child and Youth Services, said this is one reason why the Army has its own policy. Regardless of which state a Soldier and his family are stationed, as long as they live on an installation, the rules remain the same. Reeves said this ensures that families always know the rules and unknowingly will not be breaking any laws.

The policy states that children who have completed sixth grade will be directly supervised and will not be in monitored self-care or home alone. Children who are between completion of sixth and eighth grade may be in monitoring self-care if they have successfully completed a home alone class prior to being allowed to stay home alone. Monitored self-care is an adult being aware of the child's location and activities during out of school hours.

John Curry, deputy Garrison Manager,

said the home alone policy contributes to the greater goal of providing a safe and secure environment for all members of the RIA community.

"The intent is to appeal to every resident's commitment to taking care of our children," he said. "The most significant repercussion of violating this policy would be injury to one of our children. For this reason, it is important for every resident to know and comply with this policy."

Youth ages 13 to 18, and consistent with their mental and physical capabilities, may care for siblings in their own home or children in other quarters on the Arsenal. Overnight babysitters must be at least 16 years old.

No child under 16 years of age will be left alone overnight. A babysitter course is offered twice a year on the Arsenal. The class is presented by the American Red Cross and is offered to 11 to 15 year olds. For more information about this class and the Home Alone class, call the CYS office at (309) 782-0791.



photo by Ted Cavanaugh

## And the testing continues

(Left) Pfc. Joshua Cyrus, 615th (1CD), Korea, prepares a fuel sample to be tested using the Petroleum Quality Analysis System. (Below) A full view of the PQAS. The PQAS is a mobile lab that tests fuels, particularly aviation fuels, in the field. It allows Soldiers on the battlefield and elsewhere to test the quality of fuels before they are put into Army vehicles and helicopters. Cyrus is part of a group of Soldiers from Korea who were at RIA-JMTC training on the PQAS. The RIA-JMTC has built 11 PQAS units and is scheduled to build nine more. Eight have been sent to units around the world.



photo by Randl Besse

# Military health care unit makes RIA home

by **Valerie Buckingham**  
The ROCK Editor

Employees on the Arsenal might have noticed more Soldiers around the installation lately. A new military unit moved to the Rock Island Arsenal in April.

The Community Based Healthcare Organization provides medical and administrative case management to National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers who have an injury or illness that requires on-going medical treatment. The CBHCO enables these soldiers to live at home and remain on active duty while receiving medical care through the Army.

Before relocating to the Arsenal, the unit was headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin, with two detachments located in other parts of the state. Having the entire 39-Soldier team located at Rock Island Arsenal has helped expedite the process and increase

mission effectiveness said Capt. Kathleen Marschman, commander of CBHCO. She said having her staff spread over different locations took away from the efficiency of the program.

"We've increased our efficiency, reduced cost and we are able to work better. Even with the e-mails and telephones and all technology we've got, it's still a hindrance to communication if you're not face-to-face."

Marschman said within a few months of processing their first Soldier in May 2004, the Army changed the concept of the organization and made each of the CBHCO's a regional organization. Her command is now responsible for managing Soldiers in a six-state geographic area of Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan and Indiana.

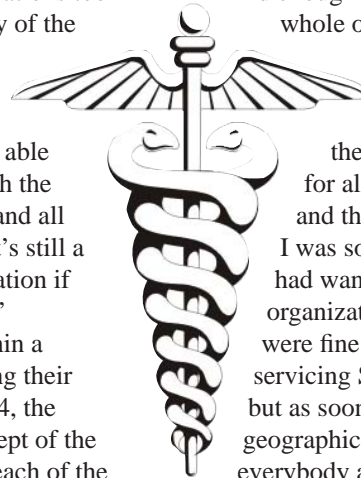
Originally, the National Guard was tasked by the Army to find office space

for the CBHCO's and many units were placed at National Guard Armories, but Marschman's unit was unable to find enough space in one area for the whole operation.

"I was so excited to come to Rock Island when we found out there was room down here for all of us to be in one spot and that we could make it work. I was so thrilled," she said. "I had wanted to consolidate this organization since July 2004. We were fine as long as we were just servicing Soldiers in Wisconsin, but as soon as they increased our geographic region I needed to have everybody at one site."

Marschman said once she visited the Arsenal she knew this was her organization's new home.

"Immediately we sensed that we were wanted here and I wish we could have gotten here sooner."



## Diver's world filled with risks, responsibilities

by **Rebecca Montgomery**  
TACOM LCMC Rock Island  
Public Affairs

When an Army diver works underwater, he cannot see. In the darkness, he may be doing construction, searching for mines, or retrieving bodies. It's like diving in a cup of coffee.

As he works, completely by feel, an aquatic creature may bump into him. He has no way of knowing what it is.

The diver knows that he can stay under water for only so long, or he risks decompression sickness. This can cause permanent damage or can be fatal.

This high-risk military occupation is one that Sgt. 1st Class Clayton Haney, master diver, knows well, and it requires diving, medical and construction expertise.

"I dove here in the Mississippi River for the Corps of Engineers prior to being assigned to TACOM. There is no visibility. Everything is done by feel," said Haney from his desk at the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command, Rock Island, here at the Arsenal.

Even lamps or lights won't do any good because of turbidity,

Haney explained. As you shine a light through the dirt and mud suspended in the Mississippi, the particles reflect back toward you.

Haney discovered his passion for diving when he took scuba lessons during his teens in west Texas. He used to go to the city pool, stay on the bottom, and hold his breath as long as he could. "I loved the water, and it just went from there."

After high school he joined the Army, and a recruiter promised him he could go to scuba school. As it turned out, he spent four years "jumping out of airplanes" before he got into diving.

Haney began diver training in 1987 at the Navy diving school in Panama City, Fla., starting out as a second class diver, progressing to salvage diver, and then first class diver.

From there, few divers reach the pinnacle of the diving field - master diver. There are only 15 master divers in the Army, and the majority of candidates don't pass the challenging evaluation phase.

During the grueling, weeklong ordeal, master diver candidates are put through emergency scenarios on a boat in the ocean. Divers are sequestered downstairs and are then called up on deck. "Then you'll walk into a problem. Something will be going

(See DIVER on page 10.)

# Town gets life-long reminder of military service

by **Matthew Meenan**

TACOM LCMC Rock Island  
Technical Writer

Just in time for Memorial Day, residents of Lone Tree, Iowa, received a long lasting tribute to our men and women in uniform, thanks in part to personnel from the Rock Island Arsenal.

Representatives from the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command Rock Island's Heavy Combat Product Support Integration Directorate and the Army Materiel Command Executive Agent for Small Arms Logistics and Demilitarization delivered a demilitarized M1 Abrams main battle tank to the American Legion Post 457 in Lone Tree on May 24.

The Post obtained the tank through the U.S. Army Donations Program. This marks the first time an Abrams tank will be publicly displayed at a non-government installation.

The tank, appropriately named "Last Duty," will serve as a reminder of the men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. To honor those killed in combat, the American Legion wanted to have the tank delivered in time for Memorial Day.

The Abrams was fully demilitarized by TACOM LCMC Rock Island. Equipment specialists from Heavy Combat, in conjunction with the demilitarization representatives, developed a standard for M1 demilitarization that will be used throughout the Army.

This process includes removal of all electronic components and the welding of all armament and ammunition compartments. It was painted by Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center's paint shop.

The 50-ton tank was then loaded onto a trailer for delivery to Lone Tree, about 50 miles west of Rock Island.

The M1 has been located on the Rock Island Arsenal since 1980, where it supported TACOM's logistics mission. It had been used primarily for training.

American Legion Post Commander Terry Kruse wanted to display the tank to honor the men and women serving in the Armed Forces. Kruse wanted a modern piece of equipment.

"We feel young men and women of today's military and the ones who are participating in Iraq, Afghanistan and who were in Desert Storm can associate with this piece of machinery," Kruse told the Iowa City Press Citizen.

The M1 will be displayed on a concrete slab in front of the American Legion. Kruse said the Legion will complete the project by landscaping the area around the tank.

Kruse wants to remind the folks at Rock Island that the tank is not far away. "I hope that the tank is close enough that some of the people that worked on it from the RIA can come to Lone Tree to see the finished product," he said.

The Lone Tree display signifies that "Last Duty" remains true to its original slogan: "Guarding the frontiers of freedom."

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teer, go to [www.riamwr.com](http://www.riamwr.com).**

## *New dental information for Guard and Reserve retirees*

National Guard and Reserve personnel who elect to enroll in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program within 120 days after retirement are eligible to skip the 12-month waiting period normally required for certain TRDP benefits such as crowns, bridges, and braces. All new enrollees seeking to obtain the waiver should submit a copy of their retirement orders along with their enrollment application.

It is important to note that as with all new retirees, the 120-day period during which a "gray area" retired Reservist or Guard member can enroll in the TRDP to qualify for the 12-month waiting period waiver begins with his/her retirement effective date, not the date he/she reaches age 60.

Eligible retirees and their family members can find answers to their questions about the program as well as enroll using Delta Dental's dedicated TRDP web site at [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org) or by calling the toll-free number at (888) 838-8737.



# Employee lends helping hand to Louisiana museum

**by Jodie Wesemann**  
Rock Island Arsenal Museum

As my flight landed at New Orleans International Airport, the view from the airplane window was not quite what I expected. I had envisioned debris piles in the street, cars on top of homes and many other unpleasant images. What I actually saw were a lot of blue tarps (the kind that cover damaged roofs), standing houses, drivable streets and shops and hotels open for business. "Maybe this wasn't going to be that bad," I thought to myself.

Two weeks earlier I received a phone call from the Chief Conservator of the Army Museum System, Jeff Kimball. He asked if I would be willing to be part of a three-member team to go to Jackson Barracks and help with the recovery of their National Guard Museum. Jackson Barracks is nestled in the Ninth Ward, the hardest hit area of flooding from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Jackson Barracks National Guard Museum, like the rest of the area, was completely under water. I agreed to assist.

Our task was to help Stanley Amerski, Curator of Jackson Barracks, organize and prepare his collection for professional conservation efforts. Our group was the third group sent by the Center of Military History to help in the recovery efforts. The first group was deployed in October 2005 and another in December 2005. With each group progress was made in retrieving and cleaning flood soaked artifacts. Progress was also visible in the accommodations available for each group as the first group had to stay in tents at the Belle Chasse Naval Air Station. I was thankful that by the time our group was sent to the town of Metairie, outside of New Orleans, we had



**WESEMANN**

electricity, running water and clean hotel rooms.

We drove from our hotel in Metairie to Jackson Barracks on April 3. The closer we got to the Ninth Ward the more desolate the surrounding neighborhoods became. After eight months the Ninth Ward still does not have electricity, which I found absolutely amazing. Homes and businesses were desolate, debris piles were heaped in the streets, cars resembled matchbox toys left in piles where the water had left them, and most of the homes were missing a lot more than just their roofs. This was the place I had earlier imagined.

We got an initial tour of the damaged museum buildings. In some of the exhibit halls and storage areas, water had risen to fourteen feet. Even items that sat above the water line on shelving units were damaged from the condensation that was created by so much moisture. The museum theatre was completely under water and all of the equipment and seats were covered with a fine layer of dirt and fungus. After the tour, we were shown where we would be working. A large warehouse building, once used by the volunteer restoration group for the museum aircraft park, was where all the museum artifacts now rested. Uniforms were piled on top of tables, hats and helmets were strewn on shelves, and a musty swamp water scent filled the air and immediately our noses started to itch. Stan showed us where he wanted us to start and we put on gloves and dust masks and went to work. Our first task was to organize

like uniform items together, wool with wool, cotton with cotton, etc. Because the uniforms were piled on top of each other, they were still wet and mold was covering every surface. We spread out the uniforms to allow better air circulation and we opened the large roll up doors of the warehouse to let fresh air in. We ran about \$30 per day of gasoline in generators so that we could have electricity. The whole area around us was extremely quiet and the only noise in the neighborhood was our generator. During our brown bag lunches we walked around the fenced area of Jackson Barracks and took a good look at the surrounding neighborhoods. These homes will probably never be repaired even if the occupants had the resources to do so. Gusts of wind would sway the walls of houses back and forth and I was certain they were going to collapse. By the end of the week we had prepared roughly 3,300 items to be sent to professional conservation institutions.

This experience has taught me to look at our own disaster plan at Rock Island Arsenal Museum with a more critical eye. No one could have foreseen the extent of damage that Katrina and Rita brought to the New Orleans area, but I think we would be negligent if we did not learn from the situation and improve our responses to a disaster. The challenge of rebuilding a collection after a disaster is enormous and daunting. Proper recovery planning can help lessen the impact of a disaster and help cleanup efforts by remaining focused. Jackson Barracks and the Ninth Ward will never be the same, but with time, money and manpower the area will transform into something to be proud of. At the very least, the area will serve as a reminder to the resilient nature of mankind.

*(Jodie Wesemann is a museum technician with the Rock Island Arsenal Museum.)*

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**Recycle:** *As a reminder, the following items can be recycled: newspapers with inserts (can be put in recycle bin or next to it on the floor), magazines, office mix paper (solid colors), white office paper (with print), cardboard boxes (broken down), inkjet/laser toner cartridges (placed next to recycle bins), cell phones, aluminum and plastic drink containers (put in with pop cans).*

**Please do not recycle:** *garbage, carbon paper, Styrofoam & packaging items, Post-it stickers, Fed-Ex envelopes, or manila file folders. The Recycle Center also takes phone books from October to December. For more information, call (309) 782-0383.*



**In celebration of the Army's birthday, the staff of *The ROCK* would like to recognize Rock Island Arsenal civilian employees and military personnel who have deployed in support of the Global War on Terror. Listed below are a few of those employees.**

**Scott Burrus**

Technical Writer/Editor, TACOM RI  
He deployed to Balad, Iraq from September 2005 to January 2006.  
Deployment job: Parts/Supply Manager

**Larry Peterson**

M119A1 105mm Howitzer Project Manager, RIA JMTC  
He deployed to Mosul and Balad, Iraq from October 2004 to September 2005.  
Deployment Job: S-4 Officer (MAJ) with the 917<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Group, Belton, Mo.

**Nelson Martinez**

Product Manager, RDECOM RI  
He deployed to Kuwait from Oct. 28, 2005 –to March 2, 2006.  
Deployment job: Transportation Officer

**Estella Leonard**

Product Manager, RDECOM RI  
She deployed to Kuwait Oct. 28, 2005 to March 2, 2006.

**Erin Sharkey**

Product Manager, RDECOM RI  
She deployed to Kuwait Oct. 28, 2005 to March 2, 2006.

**Kim DeMartelaere**

Product Manager, RDECOM RI  
She deployed to Kuwait Oct. 28, 2005 to March 2, 2006.

**Doug Waller**

Product Manager, RDECOM RI  
She deployed to Kuwait Oct. 28, 2005 to March 2, 2006.

**Mike Loussaert**

Product Manager, RDECOM RI  
He deployed to Kuwait Oct. 28, 2005 to March 2, 2006.  
Deployment job: Government site manager for tactical wheeled refurbishment program.

**Marvin Lagarde**

Product Manager, RDECOM RI  
He is currently deployed to Kuwait.

**Matthew D. Emmons**

Lock and Dam Repairer Leader, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District

He deployed to Iraq September 2004 to March 2005 and October 2005 to January 2006  
Deployment jobs: Quality assurance, construction representative and acting project engineer.

**Nick Peschang**

Civil Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District  
He deployed to Iraq from September 2003 to May 2004 and September 2004 to February 2005.  
Deployment jobs: Quality assurance representative and liaison officer with the Ukrainian military.

**Eric Aubrey**

Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District  
Deployed to Afghanistan  
Due to return home in June after six month deployment.  
Deployed for four months in 2004 and 2005.

**Scott A. Bullock**

Project Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District  
Currently deployed to Tikrit on a one-year tour.  
Deployment job: Project Engineer, Tikrit Resident Office  
Previously deployed in 2003 with the 389<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, Davenport, Iowa, for a one year deployment to the Baghdad International Airport.

**Bob Buelow**

Mobilized to USCENTCOM as a Navy Reservist from March 2004 to September 2005.  
Deployed to Doha, Qatar from April to September 2004.  
Deployment job: J2 Senior Enlisted Leader and as the USCENTCOM Command Master Chief for all personnel in the AOR.

**Russ Taylor**

Information Technology Specialist, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center Rock Island Site  
Deployed from March 2004 to February 2004 to Iraq.  
Deployment job: Logistics Officer (Lt. Col.) with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Corps Support Command

**Bob Batchelor**

Quality assurance specialist, ARDEC  
He deployed to Kuwait from November to December 2003 as Quality assurance specialist.

**Michael Bates**

Joint Munitions Command  
He deployed to Iraq from February to August 2004.

**Amber Thompson**

Contract Specialist, Army Field Support Command  
She is currently on a six-month deployment to Iraq.

**Mark L. Taylor**

Material handler, RIA JMTC  
He deployed to Iraq with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment from April 2003 to April 2004 and tentatively scheduled to deploy in August 2006.

**Donald Buscher**

Program Quality Manager B, Joint Munitions Command  
He was deployed from July 2003 to January 2004 as a Quality and safety manager for the New Iraqi Army Training.

**Chuck Denney** from RIA JMTC, deployed to Iraq as a liaison officer from March 2004 to August 2004.

**Michael Keim**

Blocker/bracer/FLO in the transportation department of Public Works  
He deployed to Afghanistan from June to October 2004.

**D. Joe Griffen**, a security specialist with Army Field Support Command deployed to Kuwait from July 2003 to January 2004 and to Iraq from March to August 2005.

**Pat Ferrell** from IMA NW Region

**David Melendez** from USAG RIA

**Donna Moore** from TACOM LCMC RI

**John Gunther** from TACOM LCMC RI

**Steve Baringer** from TACOM LCMC RI

# Diver

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on,” Haney reminisced.

“It’s just a very intense drill for a week. You’re nervous, you can’t sleep, there’s nobody to talk to and you don’t know what’s going on.”

A dive may be underway, and suddenly a diver will get hurt. An explosion may happen, or a boat may come out of moor and start to swing, which is very dangerous for a diver. It could drag him along the bottom.

Or a diver may have a pain in his elbow, and the master diver candidate must determine whether it’s a mechanical injury or decompression sickness. Candidates must treat divers for decompression sickness in a decompression chamber.

Even experienced divers can’t escape decompression sickness. Haney said that he had “the bends,” pain in the joints where bubbles affect the tissue, when he was training divers in Egypt. “My toe got numb and it traveled progressively up my leg. Before I realized it, my whole left side was numb. I had to be treated,” he recalled.

Haney has been stationed at Ft. Eustis, Va., Panama City, Fla., and in Panama, Iraq, Kuwait, Korea, and Egypt. He has been on many challenging assignments all over the world.

One of them was a recovery mission at an intelligence plane crash site in Maryland.

“It was about 28 degrees and the temperature was dropping. The back of the barge was completely covered in ice. Plus the plane went down in an oyster bed, and there were a lot of oyster shells,” said Haney. During the frigid mission, his diving team recovered bodies first and then recovered the intelligence and security equipment.

The hardest part of being a diver for Haney has been recovering bodies of children. “On one mission we recovered two children’s bodies, and this really got to me,” he said sadly.

A hair-raising encounter with alligators was another mission that Haney remembers well. After Operation Just Cause, Haney and his diving team were tasked to recover lost equipment from a lake in Panama.

“There were alligators all over the place,” said Haney. “There were two soldiers standing up as gator watchers, and you’re in the water looking for stuff. That makes you a little uncomfortable.”

Now, Haney’s duties require him to be on land more often than underwater. As TACOM’s master diver, he fields diving equipment including recompression chambers, underwater photo sets, underwater construction sets and deep sea sets. He also trains divers on how to use new equipment.

When he talks about representing TACOM, he displays deep-seeded dedication to Army divers. “My responsibility here is to ensure that when we purchase equipment or sets for these guys that they can use them, that they’re safe and that they’re going to be an asset to the field.”

And that’s not all he does; Haney is a jack of all trades at TACOM. “Sgt. 1st Class Haney performs budget reviews, materiel

releases, supply functions, you name it,” said Barry Hartlaben, diving systems acquisition manager at TACOM. “He learned the logistics business quickly and is now an expert.”

In fact, Haney played a vital role in helping engineers design the underwater construction set, said Hartlaben. Based on Haney’s recommendations, the set’s compressors, welding equipment, hand tools, drills and rotary saws are organized so divers can access and store them more quickly in five connex boxes.

Swimming is in the blood in the Haney family, because his two sons are “phenomenal swimmers.” Although they are too young to dive, “they love the water, but that’s the way they’ve been brought up,” said Haney proudly.

When Haney retires this year, diving will not be in the picture. “I have friends who got out and became commercial divers. It’s very hard on your body, especially in the commercial world and when you get older, your body tends not to heal as quickly.”

Commercial divers take more risks, but they get compensated for it. Haney knows men who dive for nuclear plants, and they have patches of hair missing. They make good money, but Haney doesn’t think it’s worth it.

“I’m going to go a different route in my life, instead of using my physical talents. I love the military, but it’s time to move on to bigger and better things,” said Haney. He’s eight hours away from completing a degree in computer systems information.

From the swimming pool in Texas, to an alligator-filled lake in Panama, it’s been a long swim for Haney. His diving career hasn’t been in the clear, blue waters that most people associate with scuba diving. Instead, he swims in the Army diver’s world of darkness, filled with risks and responsibilities.



Rebecca Montgomery

Sgt. 1st Class Clayton Haney, TACOM LCMC Rock Island master diver, adjusts a Superlight 17 Diving Helmet in the diving equipment maintenance area in Building 107, Rock Island Arsenal.

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# SERVICE: *Program gives wounded, injured soldiers job opportunities after the uniform*

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“Even though I was wounded, I am still a warrior who desires to continue to serve the nation I pledged to defend,” said Tim Frainer, Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center pipe fitter. This is a belief shared by many service members who have been hired under the Always a Soldier employment program; Frainer, Brad Barry, and Corey Webb are no exceptions.

All three Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom veterans were recently hired under the Army Materiel Command’s Always a Soldier Program. They’ve hung up their uniforms, but are still able to serve their country and support their comrades as Army civilians hired under the program.

“I wasn’t ready to be away from the military. The Always a Soldier Program filled the gap in my life and is a fantastic opportunity for wounded or disabled vets like me who want to continue to serve,” said retired Airman Brad Barry, Army Field Support Command administrative support assistant. “Now I can continue to support the men and women who are defending the nation. I completed four deployments to Afghanistan and feel that with my experience and knowledge I am an Army asset who can make a difference for troops down range.”

The Always a Soldier Program helps wounded or injured veterans find jobs within the Army Materiel Command. This program, initiated in 2004, has been implemented at AMC major subordinate commands and activities, such as the Army Field Support Command, Joint Munitions Command and the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center, all located on Rock Island Arsenal and the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility located on Anniston Army Depot in Anniston, Ala. Under this program, veterans can now receive continued support beyond active-duty service. The focus of this program is to help the nation’s wounded veterans transition from military to civilian employment.

“The program is a great way to reach out to veterans,” said AFSC and JMC’s Always a Soldier Program Coordinator Denise Brown Winchell. “It provides service-connected disabled veterans opportunities for employment, career advancement, job mobility, family well-being, and financial security. Our mission is to support veterans,” she added. “We want them to realize that their sacrifice will not be forgotten.”

But it isn’t only the veterans who benefit. “The program serves both the Army and the vet,” said Brown Winchell. “The Army gets an experienced, dedicated employee while the vet gets an opportunity to continue serving.”

Wounded or service-disabled veterans can sign up for the program by submitting a resume to the [www.alwaysasoldier.com](http://www.alwaysasoldier.com) website or to a program manager, such as Brown Winchell. According to Brown Winchell, once she receives a resume, she works with AMC, subordinate installations, the Civilian Personal Advisory Center (CPAC), and other activities on the Rock Island Arsenal to find a job that matches the veteran’s skill set and that can accommodate the veteran’s special needs.

The success of this program lies in the cooperation between several organizations. Each organization involved is committed to ensuring that no Soldier, Airman, Marine or Sailor is left behind.

Even though Tim Frainer was wounded by an improvised explosive device while in Iraq, he is still serving in the Illinois Army National Guard and was hired under the Always a Soldier Program since he sustained a service-related injury. Frainer was hired as a result of the teamwork between CPAC, AFSC, JMC, and JMTC, and is happy with the program.

“Always a Soldier is a wonderful program for wounded and disabled vets. The people involved stepped up and helped me. This program has brought me to a better place in my life. I feel like someone does care what I did over there,” said Frainer.

Corey Webb, a retired Marine who works for AFSC as a property management specialist at the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, explained that the program exemplifies the fact that the Army looks out not only for Soldiers, but for all service members.

“Steve Clark, the program coordinator for AMC Always a Soldier, took me under his wing and helped place me,” said Webb. Clark and Brown Winchell worked together to find Webb a job he qualified for and that was accommodating to his special needs caused by the wounds he received while deployed. Webb was injured when the Humvee he was riding in collided with a Marine armored vehicle. With lives changing forever in the blink of an eye, the Always a Soldier Program offers a new beginning...a way to stay in the fight.

For more information contact the AFSC and JMC Always a Soldier Program at (309) 782-0270 or go to [www.alwaysasoldier.com](http://www.alwaysasoldier.com) or [www.afsc.army.mil/hr/veterans/index.htm](http://www.afsc.army.mil/hr/veterans/index.htm) for application information.

## Energy Myths and Facts

**MYTH:** *It takes more energy to turn lights on and off than to just leave them on.*

**FACT:** *It does require a surge of energy (up to 300%) for ½ of a cycle (½ of 1/60th of a second) after which the energy flow becomes steady-state. Your reaction time in turning a switch off and on greatly exceeds this by about 15 times. Therefore, you could stand flipping the switch off and on and the off time would offset any increase to the energy increase from the on cycle.*

**Bottom line:** *It saves utility cost if you turn your lights off every time you leave your room even for 30 seconds.*

# Hot Metal Coming Through!!

## RIA JMTC Foundry last standing in Army

by **Valerie Buckingham**  
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Temperatures can reach 3,000 degrees, but that's just one of the factors of the job at the Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center's foundry.

It is the Army's only full-function foundry, meaning it's fully self-supportive. The 50,000 square foot area has its own pattern shop, cleaning room, melting, molding & coremaking with access to engineering services, a non-destructive testing facility and full heat treating capabilities.

Michael Fitzgerald, chief of the Hot Metals Division, RIA JMTC, said foundry work is one of the most fascinating processes to watch.

"It's interesting to watch something go from a pile of sand and scrap metal and with a little effort, ingenuity, hard work, they put together something productive and useful," said Fitzgerald. "The creativity that goes into this trade is unnoticed at the finished product."

Even if the RIA JMTC foundry wasn't the only full-function foundry in the Army, it would still be different than others because it produces more than 13 alloys which is not done by most foundries today.

"Many of the remaining foundries in the public sector generally specialize in one alloy. They may do variations, but they don't pour the variety that we do," Fitzgerald said.

He said one of the most significant things about the foundry is its capabilities.

"To have this (capabilities) here offers a readiness condition capability for the Army," Fitzgerald said. "If the United States had to ramp up (equipment, armor, etc.), this is an in-house facility that can respond immediately."

That quick response has been put to the test during the current Global War on Terror and the foundry passed with flying colors.

"We did a remarkable delivery on some parts needed in Iraq. And of course, they needed them quick. Our response, in my opinion, was incredible. We beat both delivery requirements," he said.

He said foundry employees worked extra hours and even during a holiday weekend to ensure the deadline was met and this was a direct reflection of the pattern maker, Dick Voss, and Investment Casting Worker, Rudy Ramos.

The dedication and skill level of all the employees not only ensures success, but safety as well. He said the employees make the process look easy, but it isn't and there are many dangers involved besides the scorching temperatures of the metal.

"There's a lot of danger in what we do and we do it day in and day out," Fitzgerald said. "Fortunately, we take a lot of precautions and go out of our way to make everything safe. The personal protective equipment and all other equipment associated with the job is tested regularly."

During the pouring process, there are approximately three tons

of metal in the ladle to be poured into the molds. A crane operator moves the ladle over the mold for the pour and he has to be very precise in his maneuvers to make certain the two-inch stream of hot metal being poured is directly over the mold opening. These precision skills are what Fitzgerald and other employees said make them a successful workforce.

"The crane operator, Russ Kincaid, is one of the best as far as I'm concerned. He takes the load safely through the shop, positions it quickly above the molds without it swinging," he said.

"When pouring, if they don't hit that hole (in the mold) there will be a spray of 2,900 degree metal going all over them. It's very critical that they hit that hole both for safety and quality purposes. You trust them and they respond. They're the backbone and that's what makes it work."

Dan Zaiss, who has been a furnace operator at the foundry for 29 years said the best advice he can give to newcomers to the trade is to respect the metal for what it can do.

"You can't be sloppy. Sloppy around here gets you hurt," Zaiss said. "Everybody knows what to do and when it's got to be done."

Shannon Martin, furnace operator, had prior experience as a furnace operator before joining RIA JMTC or at least he thought he did.

"It was intimidating, because you think you know something about what you're doing, but these guys have been around 30 years and they know everything," Martin said.

"They always know by smell or by looking if something needs to be added and it's nice to learn that way. You have to have common sense and be able to look at something and see what's working and what's not."

Working with metal processing is a dangerous job and even though sometimes they might get stung by a little fire bee, the employees said they love the job and wouldn't trade it for anything.



Valerie Buckingham

Brian Stichter, furnace operator at RIA JMTC foundry, taps the furnace to transfer metal from the furnace to ladle. Shannon Martin, furnace operator, assists.